The Office Action rejects claims 1-3, 5, 6, 8-12, 14, 15, 17-21, 23, 24, 26 and 27 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Zdybel (U.S. Patent No. 5,486,686); and claims 4, 7, 13, 16, 22 and 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Zdybel. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections.

In particular, Applicants assert that Zdybel does not disclose or suggest a system for producing a paper document, having at least a token generator that generates tokens relating to at least one other document, the other document being an electronic document, for the purposes of linking the other document, wherein the tokens are generated so that a user can individually select which tokens to access, as recited in independent claim 1, and similarly recited in independently claims 10 and 19.

Zdybel discloses an electronic document processing system that can couple hard copy outputs to an electronic document from which a human readable hard copy is produced. See col. 1, lines 11-15. Furthermore, Zdybel enables data which is potentially important to the accuracy and/or completeness of the reconstruction of the electronic source document 32 to be recovered, even if such data is not evident or inferable from the appearance of the human readable rendering of the source document. See col. 10, lines 5-27. This recoverable data is shown in elements 131-137 in Fig. 2b. A PDL encoding of the document 32 may be composed to provide a PDL master 47, which, in turn, can be decomposed at element 48 to provide an electronic bitmap representation 49 of the document 32 for printing by a bitmap printer 15. See col. 7, lines 25-31.

In stark contrast, Applicants' claimed invention, Zdybel does not disclose or suggest a system for producing a paper document, having at least a token generator that generates tokens relating to at least one other document, the other document being an electronic document, for the purposes of linking the other document, wherein the tokens are generated

so that a user can <u>individually select</u> which tokens to access. On the contrary, Zdybel simply discloses that data which is potentially important can be recovered and that the PDL encoding of a document may be composed and decomposed. <u>However, Zdybel does not disclose that the tokens are generated so that a user can individually select which tokens to access.</u> By individually selecting which tokens to access, a user can individually select a list of references, documents, services and/or programs that have been gathered at input into individual tokens at the token generator. Furthermore, after the tokens are individually chosen by a user and sent to an interpreter, the interpreter can perform a function, run a program, access a server, retrieve a document or perform whatever function the user of the token has available based on the contents of each individual token.

Accordingly, because Zdybel fails to disclose the features of Applicants' claimed invention, Applicants assert that independent claims 1, 10 and 19 define patentable subject matter. Claims 2-9, 11-18 and 20-27 depend from independent claims 1, 10 and 19, respectively, and therefore also define patentable subject matter. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) and 35 U.S.C. §103(a) be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-27 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below.

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APPENDIX

Changes to Claims:

The following are marked-up versions of the amended claims:

1. ____(Three-Times Amended)__ A system for producing a paper document,

comprising:

a token generator that generates tokens relating to at least one other document,

the other document being an electronic document, for purposes of linking the other document;

an encoder that encodes the generated tokens; and

a printer that prints the encoded tokens onto the paper document;

_____wherein the tokens are generated so that a user can individually select which

tokens to access.
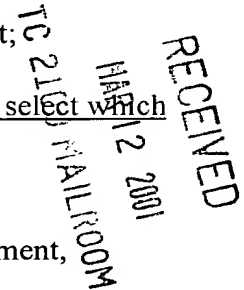
10. ____(Three-Times Amended)__ A system for producing a paper document,

comprising:

token generating means for generating tokens relating to at least one other

document, the other document being an electronic document, for purposes of linking the other

document;

encoding means for encoding the generated tokens; and

printer means for printing the encoded tokens onto the paper document;

_____wherein the tokens are generated so that a user can individually select which

tokens to access.

19. ____(Three-Times Amended)__ A method for producing a paper document,

comprising:

generating tokens relating to at least one other document, the other document

being an electronic document, for purposes of linking the other document;

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encoding the generated tokens; and

printing the encoded tokens onto the paper document;

wherein the tokens are generated so that a user can individually select which tokens to access.